

Main Street Reisterstown Program

Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - October 7, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Mary Molinaro, Calvin Reter, Irwin Kramer, Pat Brooks, Colleen Brady, Glenn Barnes, Jonathan Schwartz, Paul Davolos, Kathy Gambrell, Dave Powers, Carin Smith, Brad Reter, Michael Ginsberg, Danny Carey, Shirley Smith, Officer Kauffman, Benjamin Brooks, Ernie Schmidhauser, Tony Baysmore, Lisa Dibbern

Amy asked for the committee reports:

Mary said that the **organization committee** will hold their next meeting during the last week of October. They will be continuing the budget discussion and thanked all of the committee chairs who have sent information about their expectations for the budget. They will also start talking about grant writing opportunities to fund the needs of RIA for the budget. Mary passed around a signup sheet for the October 12th Corn Roast asking for volunteers to help promote Main Street at the booth from 1pm – 6pm. While there is currently someone for the booth at all times, if others want to spend some time, please sign up. She also said there will be a table and tent area at the October 26th Spooktacular Event.

Paul said the **economic restructuring committee** will be sending their next communication to property owners soon discussing Architects on Call and Loan Programs. The committee will meet later this month and they have invited KLNP Retail which can discuss filling empty commercial spaces as well as empty land space.

Amy said that the **promotion committee** is busy working on the “Main Street Halloween Spooktacular 2013” event. She passed out fliers itemizing all the events of the day starting with History Tours at 10am and 11am, a children's costume contest and 1:30pm, and Trick or Treating from 2pm-4pm. They currently have 20+ businesses who have agreed to participate and they will have a purple sign similar to the flier in their store window. Some stores that are closed that day have agreed to let other businesses not on Main Street setup in front of their store so they can participate. There is a question about the woman being available for the ghost tour event at the cemetery. However, the cemetery committee will be setup to do tours and the living history group will be there. Colleen reported that she is working on teenage activities from 4pm-6pm and then the teenagers can go to Melinda's Haunted Woods at 8pm. If they bring a canned good for the food pantry, they will get a discount on the admission price. Plans include a type of “Battle of the Bands” for some music along Main Street, the Snack Shack truck will be there, Boy Scouts selling popcorn, and she is working with the various youth groups in the area for participating and volunteering to make this a successful event.

Irwin said that the **design committee** met with Adrienne Jones last Monday along with some executive board members to talk about a project for her available funds. She left with copies of the plans for a Southern Gateway going north of Chartley Drive. At our last meeting Erin Kuhn from SHA outlined 4 items they are willing to do right now and Amy said that Adrienne indicated she will tell Erin to move forward. Irwin pointed out that we haven't seen anything in writing outlining the plans. Irwin saw an article yesterday in the Sun paper about an Historic Home contest. The article indicated they are looking for applications from people still using the property as a home and he asked the Promotions Committee to see if we have someone who may like to enter their home. Even if we don't have a winner, being listed and shown will be great advertising for Reisterstown. Irwin mentioned the letter from Kevin Kamenetz to SHA outlining projects in Baltimore County of which he requested \$2M for

Reisterstown. All of the state money will be for streetscape projects. Glenn said he noticed some new striping over the past week. He spoke with Carolyn Eichler who has boxes of the original 1997 work that was done. Irwin held up Calvin's copy of the report that was produced at the end of that work. Mary said that is the book that she scanned and emailed to others as she only has one copy given to her by someone who served on that effort. Irwin talked about vendors for historically appropriate quality signage at an affordable price. He was very happy working with the person who made his sign. Glenn said the materials are the same as the Chamber signs that were created 7 years ago and still look like they were made yesterday. When comparing the two vendors, it appears that Irwin's (Davinci Signs from Georgia) had prices about \$300 cheaper. Paul said that new signage is part of the 0% interest County Loan Program so they will be sure to mention it while talking to property owners and business owners. Irwin said he'd like to collaborate with that effort. Pat said she was just at a fundraiser by Trinity Lutheran Church because they want to change their front sign. Irwin has been talking with Bill Yurick about the Middle School sign change trying to find something that embraces today's technology and yet has an historic look.

Dan said **clean, safe, and green committee** had their cleanup on Saturday, October 5th and will have their next event November 2nd at 9am. He named all the volunteers and thanked them for participating. He also said they will be continuing throughout the winter months the 1st Saturday of every month. Amy said she will be meeting at the high school Thursday at 2:30pm. The principal has asked his secretary to gather interested teachers to organize students to help keep trash picked up at the bus stops and other locations. Amy suggested that the committee might like to participate in the meeting.

Lisa brought up the idea of recognizing a business or citizen for their good efforts for the town. We discussed the idea in the past and was wondering if the Chamber does this, RIA should do this, or we should recommend someone who the Community Times can recognize in an article. Will discuss further at a future meeting.

Fall events

Halloween Spooktacular, October 26

Clean-up –November 2nd , 9am – 11am.

Calendar of Events/Promotions

Need November events by October 15

Facebook/website (on-going)

Over 540 friends view our Facebook posts!

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, October 21 , 2013 at 10am.